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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 542

VS.

NO. 2018-14059

MALLINCKRODT ARD INC FKA QUESTCOR PHARMACEUTICALS INC

COVER SHEET OF MOVING PARTY Date of Filing October 03 2019 Moving Party EXPRESS SCRIPTS HOLDING COMPANY; EXPRESS SCRIPTS INC Counsel for Moving Party JOSEPH P WALSH, Esq., ID: 64352 Document Filed (Specify) MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER Matter is: _ (Appealable) X (Interlocutory) Discovery Needed: __ (Yes) (No) If applicable, Civil Case Management Order Discovery Deadline: _____ **CERTIFICATIONS** - Check **ONLY** if appropriate: X Counsel certify that they have conferred in a good faith effort to resolve the subject discovery dispute. (Required by Local Rule 208.2(e) on motions relating to discovery.) Counsel for moving party certifies that the subject civil motion is uncontested by all parties involved in the case. (If checked, skip Rule to Show Cause section below.) By: JOSEPH P. WALSH, **ESQUIRE** Counsel for Moving Party RULE TO SHOW CAUSE - Check ONE of the Choices Listed Below: Respondent is directed to show cause why the moving party is not entitled to the relief requested by filing an answer in the form of a written response at the Office of the Prothonotary on or before the day of 20 Respondent is directed to show cause, in the form of a written response, why the attached Family Court Discovery Motion is not entitled to the relief requested. Rule Returnable and Argument the day of at 1:00 p.m. at 321 Swede Street, Norristown, PA Respondent is directed to file a written response in conformity with the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. Rule Returnable at time of trial. By:

Court Administrator

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Mallinckrodt ARD, Inc. f/k/a Questcor Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Mallinckrodt PLC; Express Scripts Holding Company; Express Scripts, Inc.; CuraScript, Inc.; CuraScript SD; Accredo Health Group, Inc. and United BioSource Corporation n/k/a United BioSource LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of United BioSource Holdings, Inc.

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[PROPOSED] PROTECTIVE ORDER

AN.	NOW,	this	day	of				2019,	upon
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that the Mo	ion is GR .	ANTED.							
It is	further OR	DERED that:							
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(2)	The deposi	tion of Paul C	rew sh	all t	ake place ii	n or near Bu	ffalo, New Y	York at	a date
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STEVEN C. TOLLIVER, SR., J.

BY THE COURT:

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¹ The notices of deposition for Mr. Osborne and Mr. Grew are attached as Exhibits A and B, respectively.

	6.	On September 30, 2019, the parties met and conferred about the location of the
notic	ed depos	sitions but were unable to agree on where the depositions should take place, as Plaintiff
refus	ed to ch	ange the location of the denositions from Philadelphia

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7. To avoid unreasonable annoyance, burden, and expense, and for good cause shown as set forth in the attached Memorandum of Law, Express Scripts now respectfully moves this Court to enter a Protective Order requiring the depositions of Mr. Osborne and Mr. Grew to take place in or near the cities where they reside or work—Orlando and Buffalo, respectively—at a date and time mutually agreed to by the parties, or in the alternative, requiring Plaintiff to pay for the expenses incurred by Mr. Osborne and Mr. Grew in traveling to Philadelphia.

DATED: October 3, 2019

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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I, Joseph P. Walsh, Esquire, Co-Counsel for Defendants, *Express Scripts Holding Company*, *Express Scripts, Inc., CuraScript, Inc, CuraScript SD, Accredo Health Group, Inc. and United BioSource Corporation n/k/a United BioSource, LLC*, do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of Defendants' Motion for Protective Order, Proposed Order and Memorandum of Law and were served upon the following counsel and unrepresented parties electronically by the E-Filing System or by facsimile or United States First Class Mail if counsel or the unrepresented party does not participate in E-Filing, on the date of the E-filing acceptance of the document.

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Exhibit A

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SECOND NOTICE OF DEPOSITION AND REQUEST FOR THE PRODUCTION OF

DOCUMENTS AND THINGS

Defendants.

TO: Rob Osborne, VP Pharma Trade Relations Express Scripts; Accredo; CuraScript SD

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Rule 4007.1 et seq. of the Pennsylvania

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before the above named Court by way of deposition upon oral examination before a notary

public or some other officer authorized by law to administer oaths in the above-captioned matter on **October 23, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.**, and continuing thereafter from day to day until completed, at The Beasley Firm, 1125 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 (or at such other time, or at such other place, as counsel and the witness agree upon). The testimony will be recorded stenographically and/or by videotape.

You are also required to bring with you and produce at the same time and place, pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 4007.1 and Pa.R.C.P. No. 4009.1 et seq., all the documents, materials, books, papers and other tangible things in your possession or control identified in Exhibit "A," attached hereto.

Failure to appear or comply with the notice shall subject you to the penalties provided by law.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT "A"

Documents to be produced:

- 1. Documents in your possession, custody or control relating to the negotiation of any contracts, agreements or other arrangements or understandings between any Express Scripts Entity" (as defined in Defendants' Answer to the Complaint), including Curascript and/or any subsidiary (including Healthbridge, United BioSource and/or Accredo) and Mallinckrodt ARD f/k/a Questcor Pharmaceuticals, Inc., relating to the manufacturer, distribution, promotion, sale or prescription of Acthar, including any of the agreements produced by Express Scripts in this lawsuit.
- 2. Documents in your possession, custody or control relating to your knowledge of, involvement in or the formation and conduct the "Acthar Support & Access Program" (or the "A.S.A.P.").
- 3. Documents in your possession, custody or control relating to any changes in the prices of Acthar including, the Average Wholesale Price ("AWP"), Wholesale Acquisition cost ("WAC"), list price, ex-factory price, or other prices.
- 4. Documents in your possession, custody or control relating to a "suitable price" and/or a "competitive price" for Acthar.
- 5. All written communications (regardless of the electronic or paper media or form) between you and any individual employed by Express Scripts (or any subsidiary company), United BioSource, or BioSolutia during the relevant time period 2006 through 2014.

Exhibit B

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public or some other officer authorized by law to administer oaths in the above-captioned matter on **October 24, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.**, and continuing thereafter from day to day until completed, at The Beasley Firm, 1125 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 (or at such other time, or at such other place, as counsel and the witness agree upon). The testimony will be recorded stenographically and/or by videotape.

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Failure to appear or comply with the notice shall subject you to the penalties provided by law.

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Documents to be produced:

- 1. Documents in your possession, custody or control relating to the Plaintiff in this case, including all communications with or concerning the Plaintiff.
- 2. Documents in your possession, custody or control relating to the Delaware Valley Healthcare Coalition ("DVHCC"), including all communications with or concerning the DVHCC.
- 3. Documents in your possession, custody or control relating to third party payor ("TPP"), other than the Plaintiff (including union funds, employers, municipalities, etc.), including any communications with such TPP, concerning the price, cost or value of specialty drugs, including Acthar.
- 4. Documents in your possession, custody or control relating to Acthar.
- 5. Documents in your possession, custody or control relating to the price or cost of Acthar.
- 6. Documents in your possession, custody or control relating to the price or cost of specialty drugs, and their value for the treatment of disease.
- 7. Documents in your possession, custody or control relating to the FDA-approved uses and doses of Acthar.
- 8. Documents in your possession, custody or control relating to unapproved uses and doses of Acthar.
- 9. Documents in your possession, custody or control relating to the mode of action of Acthar for the treatment of disease.
- 10. Documents in your possession, custody or control relating to drugs other than Acthar used to treat the following diseases: infantile spasms, multiple sclerosis, nephrology syndrome and rheumatoid arthritis.

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MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT EXPRESS SCRIPTS, INC.'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Defendant Express Scripts, Inc. ("Express Scripts"), by its undersigned counsel, moves for a Protective Order pursuant to Pa. R. Civ. P. 4012(a)(2) requiring the depositions of current Express Scripts' employees, Rob Osborne and Paul Grew, take place in or near the cities where they reside or work—in Orlando, Florida and near Buffalo, New York, respectively. In support, Express Scripts states:

I. FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On June 26, 2019, Plaintiff unilaterally noticed the deposition of Rob Osborne for July 24, 2019 in Philadelphia without asking or conferring with Express Scripts about his availability. On July 17, 2019, Express Scripts informed Plaintiff that Mr. Osborne was not available for deposition on the noticed date. On July 18, 2019, Express Scripts offered to make Mr. Osborne available for deposition at a mutually-agreeable date, time, and location.

On August 7, 2019, Plaintiff wrote Express Scripts regarding Mr. Osborne's deposition. In response, Express Scripts proposed several dates for Mr. Osborne's deposition, including October 23, 2019. The parties did not discuss a location for the deposition. Over a month later, on September 17, 2019, without having further conferred with Express Scripts, Plaintiff unilaterally served an amended notice of deposition for Mr. Osborne for October 23, 2019 in Philadelphia. The same day,

Plaintiff noticed for the first time the deposition of Paul Grew for October 24, 2019 in Philadelphia. The parties had not previously discussed any deposition of Mr. Grew.

Mr. Osborne resides in Orlando, Florida, where he works remotely as Vice President for Pharma and Biotech Trade Relations for Express Scripts. Mr. Grew resides near Buffalo, New York, where he works remotely as a Senior Director for Express Scripts. Both witnesses have significant supervisory responsibilities at Express Scripts that go beyond the matters at issue in this case.

On September 26, 2019, Express Scripts responded to Plaintiff's notices, confirming that both witnesses would be available for deposition on the dates noticed, but that neither were located in or would be available in Philadelphia on those dates. On September 30, 2019, the parties met and conferred regarding Plaintiff's notices, but Plaintiff refused to change the location of the depositions from Philadelphia.

II. <u>LEGAL STANDARD</u>

The time and place of a deposition are not matters over which the noticing party has exclusive control. "[A] party . . . from whom deposition is sought" may move for a protective order to protect itself "from unreasonable annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, burden or expense." Pa. R. Civ. P. 4012. For good cause, the court may make an order limiting the deposition to "specified terms and conditions, including a designation of the time and place." *Id.* Protective orders are appropriate in order to prevent a noticing party from forcing witnesses to travel from other states and subjecting them to "unreasonable annoyance, burden, and expense." *J.A. Reinhardt & Co. Inc. v. Stettz*, 35 Pa. D. & C. 4th 558, 566 (Pa. Com. Pl. Dec. 13, 1996).

III. ARGUMENT

The Court should enter a Protective Order requiring the depositions of Mr. Osborne and Mr. Grew take place in or near the cities where they reside or work—Orlando, Florida and Buffalo, New York, respectively—to avoid unreasonable annoyance, burden, and expense.

Mr. Osborne has significant and wide-ranging responsibilities in his role as Vice President of Pharma and Biotech Trade Relations at Express Scripts. Forcing Mr. Osborne to travel nearly 1,000 miles from Orlando to testify in Philadelphia on October 23 would require flights and

overnight stays that take him away from his normal business responsibilities for two or more days. This represents an unreasonable annoyance, burden, and expense for Mr. Osborne.

Likewise, Mr. Grew's responsibilities as a Senior Director at Express Scripts and his location near Buffalo make it unreasonably annoying, burdensome, and expensive to require him to travel hundreds of miles and miss two or more days of work to testify in Philadelphia on October 24.

The burden that conducting these depositions in Philadelphia would impose is particularly unreasonable in light of the broader Acthar-related litigation in which this case is situated. This is not a typical case involving parties who are located in Pennsylvania, or even involving an out-of-state witness. Plaintiff's counsel has filed related litigation with overlapping claims against the same parties in federal and state courts inside and outside of Pennsylvania, including in Illinois, Maryland, and Tennessee. Plaintiff's counsel has appeared for hearings, filed motions, and conducted discovery in these out-of-state jurisdictions, and the parties have agreed to the use and coordination of discovery and depositions across cases. *City of Rockford v. Mallinckrodt ARD, Inc.*, Civ. No. 17-cv-50107 (N.D. Ill.), Mar. 15, 2019 Joint Proposed Discovery Plan at 4-5, ECF No. 199 ("To the extent feasible, the parties will endeavor to ensure that witnesses deposed in the above-captioned matters will not be deposed a second time in a Related Matter, or vice versa."); *id.* at Sept. 20, 2019 Status Hr'g Tr. at 6, ECF No. 273 (Plaintiff's counsel stating that "we certainly want to coordinate the effort in Philadelphia with this court"). Express Scripts informed Plaintiff that, per the parties' agreement, it would make Mr. Osborne and Mr. Grew available for deposition only once, across all cases.

Discovery in this case will likely be used in jurisdictions and cases located throughout the United States in forums that Plaintiff's counsel has purposely availed itself of in order to bring this case and others. This is not mere speculation. Plaintiff's counsel already has used documents produced in response to orders from this Court in order to file cases in other jurisdictions, and cited to a deposition in this case as support for discovery requests in the *City of Rockford* matter. Thus, this is not just a deposition that will be taken and used in a Pennsylvania state court case exclusively, but rather discovery that will likely be used in litigating across multiple jurisdictions. Given Plaintiff's counsel's choice to file related litigation in multiple other jurisdictions and to try to use

discovery in this case in those other jurisdictions, it is not unreasonable to ask that Plaintiff's counsel take depositions outside of Pennsylvania. It is far more reasonable—not to mention less of a burden—for Plaintiff's counsel to take the depositions of Mr. Osborne and Mr. Grew where they reside or work, rather than for Mr. Osborne and Mr. Grew to travel to Philadelphia and miss several days of work. The expense to Plaintiff is also minimal, as Plaintiff's counsel likely seeks to recover tens of millions of dollars in damages (if not more) across the cases filed in this and other jurisdictions.

In sum, the annoyance, burden, and expense of forcing Mr. Osborne and Mr. Grew to be deposed in Philadelphia far outweighs any potential harm in requiring Plaintiff to take the depositions of Mr. Osborne and Mr. Grew in or near the cities where they reside or work. Courts have found similar burdens to be unreasonable and warranting a protective order, such as when a party sought to force a Toronto-based witness to be deposed in Pittsburgh. *Davis v. Pennzoil Co.*, 38 Pa. D. & C. 2d 289, 294 (Pa. Com. Pl. 1965). Express Scripts therefore respectfully requests that the Court enter a Protective Order requiring Plaintiff to depose Mr. Osborne and Mr. Grew in or near Orlando and Buffalo, respectively, at a date and time mutually agreed to by the parties.

In the alternative, if Mr. Osborne and Mr. Grew are required to travel to Philadelphia for their depositions, the Court should require Plaintiff to pay for the expenses they incur. See Econ Mktg. Inc. v. Side II Assocs. Ltd., 17 Pa. D. & C. 4th 341, 346–47 (Pa. Com. Pl. 1992), aff'd sub nom. Econ v. Side II Assoc., 432 Pa. Super. 695, 635 A.2d 210 (1993) (requiring noticing party to pay for travel expenses of party employee who lived in Minnesota).

IV. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Express Scripts respectfully requests that the Court set the places of deposition for Mr. Osborne and Mr. Grew in accordance with the attached proposed Protective Order.

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